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SUBJ: PROPOSED CU GRANT FOR AMERICAN INDIAN PROJECT

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1. APPRECIATE INQUIRY ABOUT SUBJECT PROJECT BECAUSE POST ENTERTAINS DOUBTS ITS DESIRABILITY. FIRST PROBLEM INVOLVED IS ONE OF PRINCIPLE: A FUNDAMENTAL POLICY OF TANGOV IS TO DE-EMPHASIZE ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION IN INTEREST OF NATIONAL UNITY. IT PROUD OF ACHIEVEMENTS THIS AREA AND MAJOR EFFORTS CONTINUE TO INTEGRATE AND UNITE TANZANIANS FROM VARIOUS TRIBES AND DISTRICTS IN ALL SECONDA SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS. ANY PROJECT CONDONING, HOWEVER REMOTELY, MAINTENANCE OF ETHNIC IDENTITY WOULD PROBABLY BE VIEWED WITH DISFAVOR.

2. RE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL: ONLY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFARIS CAN "CHOOSE" PARTICIPANTS IN EX-CHAGE ACTIVITIES, ALL PROGRAM ARE VETTED BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THROUGH THE MINISTRY AND SELECTION IS MADE BY THEM. AFRICAN CANDIDATES IDENTIFIED BY TEAM MEMBERS WOULD BE MEANINGLESS.

3. ARRRRANGING VISITORS' PROGRAM AND MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS WOULD PLACE HEAVY BURDEN, WITH A BEST MARGINAL RESULTS, ON LIMITED POST RESOURCES DUE
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PLETHORA OF CLEARANCES AND NEGOTIATIONS REQUIRED.

4. POST CONTINUES TO EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITIES WHEN APPROPRIATE TO FEATURE INDIANS, THEIR HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY SITUATION IN EXHIBITS, BOOKS, AND FILMS. GIVEN THE TANZANIAN CONTEXT, HOWEVER, WE COUNSEL AGAINST THE SUBJECT PROJECT AT LEAST FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

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